

**REQUEST FORM FOR FILING A CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial Number 08/994,047 (Attorney Docket No. 3350-01), filed on December 19, 1997, entitled "AN ELECTRONIC BILL PAYMENT SYSTEM WITH MERCHANT IDENTIFICATION" by the inventor(s) named below.

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- 1a. [X] Enclosed is a copy of the latest inventor-signed prior application, including a copy of the oath or declaration (18 pages) showing the original signature or an indication it was signed. I hereby verify that the papers are a copy of the latest signed prior application Serial No. 08/994,047. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the present continuation application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein. All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so

made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

- 1b. ☐ Deletion of inventor(s) - Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
2. ☒ Please cancel claims 2-27.
3. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
4. ☐ The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application Serial No. 08/994,047, as amended at 2 and 3 above.

	No of Claims		Extra Claims	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	18	Minus 20	0	x \$18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	6	Minus 3	3	x \$80.00	\$240.00
Basic Application Fee					\$740.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$270.00					
Total Application Fee					\$980.00
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TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					\$980.00

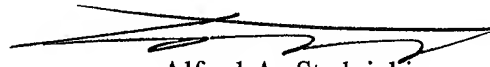
- 5a. ☐ Enclosed is a Verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
- 5b. ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 was filed in prior application Serial No. _____, the status is still proper and desired.
6. ☒ A check in the amount of \$980.00 is submitted herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any extension of time fees to maintain the pendency of the parent application Serial No. 08/994,047, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-0429.
7. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This application is a continuation of pending Application Serial No. 08/994,047 filed on December 19, 1997 and is related to Application Serial No. 08/994,046 (now U.S.

Patent No. 6,327,577), filed on December 19, 1997.--

8. ☐ Priority of foreign Application Serial No. _____ filed on _____, in _____, is claimed under 35 USC 119. The certified priority document(s) were filed in Serial No. _____, filed on _____.
9. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to: CheckFree Corporation
Reel: 9415/Frame: 0741
10. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to: Alfred A. Stadnicki, Reg. No. 30,226
11. ☒ 37 pages of specification; 18 pages of Declaration; and 6 sheets of informal drawings are enclosed.
12. ☒ Also enclosed: Information Disclosure Statement; with PTO 1449.
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13. ☒ Two return receipt postcards are submitted herewith.

It is understood that secrecy under 35 USC 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file wrapper of a 37 CFR 1.53(b) application, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file wrapper, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all the other applications in the same file wrapper.

Respectfully submitted
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